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Apparatus for image capturing has preview function for monitor-  
outputting an image before capturing image to be recorded, image  
processing section including band correcting section for controlling  
frequency characteristic of color data constituting image data, gamma  
correcting section for controlling gradation characteristic of image data,  
pixel interpolating section for interpolating pixels with unknown data of  
each color data constituting image data, and exposure control section for  
controlling exposure setting value. Capture image size, image data  
compression rate or subject image recording mode can be met before  
capturing an image. Control means is selected according to capture image  
size, image data compression rate or image recording mode set before  
capturing the image. When an image, captured with setting of small  
capture image size, is outputted in specified output size, an image provided  
with a more appropriate characteristic for appreciation can be obtained and  
reduction in image quality due to data compression can be suppressed.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

A Substitute Specification is submitted herewith. A marked-up copy of the  
Substitute Specification is also submitted, showing, with underlining, the material added  
to the original specification, and showing, with strike-through, the material which has been  
deleted from the original specification and abstract.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the previous version of the claims with the following clean version,  
wherein claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 27, 37, and 40 incorporate new amendments thereto, no  
claims have been cancelled, and no claims have been added.